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YALE UNIVERSITY AWARDS HONORARY DOCTORATE TO SHERMAN E. LEE

Sherman E. Lee, Director of The Cleveland Museum of Art since 1958, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Yale University at its 280th commencement exercises on May 24, 1981. In the presence of more than 3000 recipients of undergraduate, graduate, and advanced degrees, Dr. Lee was honored with twelve other eminent scholars, artists, and scientists. Among them were the violinist Itzhak Perlman, the artist Helen Frankenthaler, and the historian Fernand Braudel.

The President and Fellows of Yale University, in conferring on Dr. Lee their distinguished award, prepared a citation which read, in part: "As a scholar, museum director and collection curator, you have brought to the Western world an enhanced appreciation of Oriental art." The citation acknowledged that aspect of Dr. Lee's work which has, perhaps more than any other, brought world-wide distinction to the Museum he has served simultaneously as Director and as Chief Curator of Oriental Art.

Sherman E. Lee has been a member of the University Council Committee on the Yale Art Gallery and is now a trustee of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art and of the Asia Society. He is chairman of the American Arts Alliance and served as one of the members of the National Council for the Humanities. Dr. Lee has been awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Third Class (Japan), the Order of the North Star (Sweden), and the Legion d'Honneur (France).

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